



Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3651

Application No. 10/823,408
Amendment AF dated April 20, 2006
In Reply to Final Office Action of November 23, 2005
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/823,408 Confirmation No. : 3243
Applicants : Susumu MORIYA et al.
Filed : April 13, 2004
Title : APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING PLATE-SHAPED WORK
PIECE
Art Unit : 3651
Examiner : Douglas A. Hess
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2005, Applicants submit a Petition for a two-month extension of time and requisite fee, bringing the date for timely response to April, 23, 2006 which falls on a Sunday, and submit the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 20, 2006.

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